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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE TO PRCLO ON PEOPLE'S DAILY SUPPORT FOR
CAMBODIAN BOMBING CHARGE

1. WITH APPROVAL OF SECRETARY, ARMSTRONG OF EA/PRCM
CALLED IN FIRST SECRETARY SHEN JO-YUN OF PRCLO MARCH 9 TO
DELIVER ORAL STATEMENT REGRETTING CHINESE PUBLIC BACKING
FOR CAMBODIAN ALLEGATION THAT US AIRCRAFT BOMBED SIEM
REAP.

2. TEXT OF STATEMENT AS FOLLOWS, QUOTE:

PEOPLE'S DAILY HAS CARRIED A COMMENTARY SUPPORTING THE
CAMBODIAN CHARGE THAT A U.S. AIRCRAFT BOMBED SIEM REAP AND
STATING THAT THE CHINESE PEOPLE "STRONGLY DENOUNCE THE
AGGRESSIVE ACT OF U.S. IMPERIALISM." THE CAMBODIAN CHARGE
IS COMPLETELY FALSE. NOT ONLY DID NO U.S. PLANE BOMB
CAMBODIA; WE WOULD HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO REASON FOR DOING SO.

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WE REGRET THAT THE PEOPLE'S DAILY HAS EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR THE CAMBODIAN CHARGE WITHOUT ASCERTAINING THE FACTS. IF CHINA WERE CONCERNED ABOUT THIS MATTER, WE WOULD HAVE EXPECTED IT TO HAVE CHECKED THE FACTS WITH US.

LAST FALL, IN NEW YORK, FOREIGN MINISTER CH'IAO URGED SECRETARY KISSINGER TO ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH THE CAMBODIANS FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITY OF IMPROVING RELATIONS BETWEEN CAMBODIA AND THE UNITED STATES. WE IMMEDIATELY ACCEPTED THE SUGGESTION AND MADE DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE CAMBODIANS TO WHICH THEY HAVE NOT RESPONDED.

WE ARE STILL WILLING TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH CAMBODIA, BUT THE BOMBING CHARGE BY CAMBODIA, AND CHINESE SUPPORT FOR THAT CHARGE, CERTAINLY MAKES IT MORE DIFFICULT TO CREATE AN ATMOSPHERE WHICH WOULD FACILITATE AN IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS WITH CAMBODIA. END QUOTE

3. SHEN REJECTED OUR COMPLAINT, ASSERTING THAT PEOPLE'S DAILY WOULD SURELY HAVE VERIFIED ITS FACTS BEFORE SUPPORTING THE CAMBODIAN CHARGE. SHE STATED, "BESIDES, YOU KNOW OUR CONSTANT POSITION IS TO SUPPORT THE CAMBODIAN PEOPLE'S STRUGGLE FOR NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE AND TO BUILD A COUNTRY OF NEUTRALITY, PEACE, AND SOVEREIGNTY." SHE ACKNOWLEDGED FOREIGN MINISTER CH'IAO'S SUGGESTION LAST FALL THAT WE EXPLORE BETTER RELATIONS WITH THE CAMBODIANS, BUT SAID THAT THE U.S. RELATIONSHIP WITH CAMBODIA "IS UP TO YOU AND CAMBODIA." A BIT OF GIVE-AND-TAKE FOLLOWED, WITH BOTH SIDES ESSENTIALLY RESTATING THEIR POSITIONS.

4. PRCLO WILL UNDOUBTEDLY REPORT OUR STATEMENT TO PEKING, WHICH MAY INSTRUCT PRCLO FORMALLY TO REJECT OUR COMPLAINT (SHEN WAS AD LIBBING), BUT THE CHINESE MAY DECIDE NOT TO PURSUE THE ISSUE WITH US ANY FURTHER. KISSINGER

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